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**NOTIFICATION**

**SCHOOL BAG POLICY – SIKKIM**

Education Department, Government of Sikkim, hereby issues the following guidelines to all schools defined under Section 2 (n) of RtE Act 2009 and the concerned stakeholders on school bag policy.

1. Weight of School Bag mentioned herein implies the total weight of empty bag, weight of textbooks and exercise books, water bottle, lunchbox, geometry box, umbrella/rain coat and any other materials which the students are made to carry while coming to school.
2. At the Elementary Level Classes, schools should not introduce any additional subjects other than prescribed by SCERT or NCERT, as these institutions are the Academic Authority at the State Level and National Level as per the provision made in RtE Act 2009.
3. Schools should not prescribe or encourage the use of guide-books or other supplementary materials.
4. Schools should make provision to keep materials related to Art Education, Work Education and Physical & Health Education so that student need not carry them in their school bag.
5. There are 4 subjects in classes I and II, 5 subjects in classes III to V and 6 subjects in classes VI to X. So, schools may prepare routine in such a manner that only 2 subjects for classes I and II, 3 subjects for classes III to V and 4 subjects in classes VI to X are taught in a day. To make this system work properly, week days like Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday should be replaced by Day 1, Day 2, Day 3 etc.
6. Parents should regularly check the school bag of their wards so that they carry study materials as per the routine and not unnecessary things.

7. It should not be made necessary to carry dictionary to school. It should be made available by the school as and when required.
8. It should be made mandatory for students to use both straps for carrying the bags and not to sling the bag over one shoulder.
9. There should be one notebook of 100 pages for each subject and one common rough notebook.
10. The weight of school bag for classes I and II should be less than 1.5 Kg, for classes III to V could be around 2 to 3 kgs, for classes VI to VIII around 4.5 kgs and for classes IX and X not exceeding 5 kgs.

**By Order.**

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